

SITUATION IN MAINE

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LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC POLITICAL MEETINGS.

Each Side Endeavoring to Poll a Heavy Vote—Democratic Faction Regarded as United

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The political situation in Maine differs materially from that of Vermont, in that there is much more enthusiasm among the voters. Maine will vote on the 12th for a governor, members of both branches of the legislature and four representatives. The state goes along without a lieutenant governor and the democratic chair of state and other similar officials are chosen by the legislature.

Four parties have made nominations for governor. William T. Cobb of Rockland is the republican candidate and Mayor Cyrus W. Davis of Waterville the democratic. The prohibition ticket is headed by Nathan F. Woodbury of Auburn, and the socialist standard-bearer is Wilbur G. Hagwood of Skowhegan.

All the present Maine representatives have been renominated, and with the exception of Mr. Woodbury, who is being things pretty much their own way in their respective districts. Mr. Powers is sharply antagonized, and other speakers are being in becoming in one assumed to represent an eastern Maine district. Mr. Powers has a plurality of 5,000 votes. To defeat any of the republican candidates for Congress the democrats will have to make good the claim that will be made by Mr. Powers' plurality in 1902 was 6,135. Mr. Littlefield's 5,558 and Mr. Burleigh's 7,581. Miss F. Hill, the present senator, had a plurality of 27,490 in 1902, polling 58,830 to 38,340 for his opponent. At that election the prohibitionists cast 4,200 votes. There are some local quarrels among the republicans, notably in Cumberland county, where the enforcement of prohibition is an issue. These quarrels will have no appreciable effect on the state ticket other than to draw out the full vote.

Disappearance of Apathy.

The apathy which was so marked ten days ago is rapidly disappearing. Secretary Taff had an audience of 3,000 at Portland and other speakers are now having large and enthusiastic audiences. Half-fare rates have been secured on the railroads in the four northern New England states, and both the leading parties are sending tickets to absent voters. There seems an abundance of campaign funds for this and other incidental expenses. Not only are the party workers striving to get out the home vote, but they are scouring Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont for voters who are qualified to vote in Maine. The usual campaign charges and counter charges are heard and both sides are professing poverty and accusing the opposition of having a large campaign fund. It is reasonably certain that the national committee have recognized the importance of the vote of Maine at the state election, and are giving considerable aid. Democratic leaders in the state are expecting of certain rest from official labor under Bryan, now profess to see some prospect of being called upon to serve their country with a post office appointment in view. They are making themselves conspicuous in party work. This has its effect in arousing the republican workers, and also the voters of both parties.

Democrats Probably United.

William Simpson of Bangor, chairman of the republican state central committee, is very conservative in his estimates. He does not see any defection from Parker among the Bryan democrats, and looks for a considerable increase of the democratic vote, because he does not believe the elections of 1896 and 1900 represented normal conditions. He believes there is this year a union of democratic forces on Cyrus Davis, democratic candidate for governor, and a parable only to the situation in the year of President Cleveland's second election, and he is making his calculations on a general basis. This is probably an estimate for public consumption, safely on the safe side. Reciprocity with Canada, here, as in Vermont, is not popular, and is not an issue. It is ridiculed as an attempt of a few democratic manufacturers to trade away the life of the New England farmers for their own gain. Democratic orators do not refer to it, and the republicans do not consider it a positive or an issue. The French Canadians who have crossed the border and become American citizens for commercial advantages to be gained thereby vote in Maine and vote for reciprocity with Canada is not popular with them. For the democrats to espouse it in Maine would be a serious blunder.

A Large Vote Expected.

Each side is endeavoring to conceal its real effort. There is no doubt that the democratic expects to poll a very large vote, and it is difficult to calculate pluralities with any degree of certainty. Personal work in getting out the vote is relied upon considerably more than stump speaking and flag raising. In this line of activity the republicans have the advantage. There are many office-holders all over the state, and their efforts are the more sincere and successful because they are really working for themselves.

On the other hand, the democratic organization is in the state has had for twelve years, but it lacks the incentive that actuates the local leaders of the republicans. Doubtless it will do effective work, but its thoroughness it can hardly rival the other organization. It may be seriously asserted, however, that the action of the St. Louis convention has served to unite the two wings of the democratic party in this state, and that this union is unexpectedly complete. Bryan has a considerable majority of the following here, and Hearst had a majority of the state delegation to the national convention, apparently adherents and supporters are nominees, and they will undoubtedly be joined by a very considerable body of democrats who have been wavering between the republican ticket or refraining from voting at all.

Recent Vote in the State.

In 1880 92 per cent of the total eligible voter of the state was polled, a showing never since duplicated. In that year the total vote polled was 17,802. At no election since that time have there been more than 17,000 votes. In the last presidential year the total vote for governor was 117,878, or only 61.2 per cent of the eligible vote. That year Samuel L. Lord was defeated by over 30,000. In 1896 the total vote was 125,516, a percentage of 67.2. In that year the defeated Melvin P. Frank for governor by 49,000. In 1902 the total vote was 130,652, 67.7 per cent of the eligible vote. In 1904 a large total vote, therefore, the democratic seems to derive about twice as much benefit as the republicans. In other words, the so-called reserve vote would seem to average two democrats to one republican. The total number of polls for 1904 is estimated at 233,738. Applying to this the percentage of 1892, which is the last national election year with which the present vote may be safely compared, the total vote this year should be about 140,000. This would be a large vote, the largest in the history of the state, and perhaps it is too much to expect, but a calculation to this end based on a system of percentages would favor the claims of the democrats. It is one thing, however, to make calculations and percentage estimates and quite another to actually record the vote. The whole question is one of the size of the democratic reserve vote. No one knows how large this is, because some democrats have not voted in a generation and because a new generation has sprung up since the party tasted the fruits of vic-

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